

United States Service Academy Nominations Packet Entering Class of 2008



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Service Academy Application Eligibility and Procedures

Individuals seeking a nomination to one of the service academies from Congressman Herger (2nd Congressional District of California) are encouraged to apply in the spring of their junior year of high school. Only students eligible to enter an academy in the summer of 2008 (Class of 2012) may apply for a nomination at this time. Submit the following information to:

The Honorable Wally Herger
Attn: Leslie Schuessler
55 Independence Circle, Suite 104
Chico, CA 95973

General Qualifications

- U.S. Citizenship
- At least 17 years old by July 1st of entering year and not older than 23
- Unmarried, not pregnant, no dependents
- Resident of the State of California and the 2nd Congressional District
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Must Pass academy physical requirements and medical examination
- Strong Moral Character

Procedures Check List

- ☐ 1. **Pre-Candidate Questionnaire:** Prior to applying for a nomination, candidates must complete and submit the online pre-candidate questionnaire form found on each of the academy websites. Upon completion and return of this form to the academy, you will be informed of academy requirements, such as medical examinations and physical aptitude tests. It is also recommended that each candidate attempt to visit the academies to meet with admissions representatives, talk to cadets and view facilities.
- ☐ 2. **Application and Photograph:** Complete and return the enclosed application to my Chico District Office. Be sure to include a *recent* photograph of yourself.
- ☐ 3. **Official Transcripts:** High School transcripts should include your entire junior year and class rank. Include college transcripts if applicable.
- ☐ 4. **SAT or ACT Scores:** Must be from testing agency itself. Scores on your official high school transcripts are not acceptable. SAT code is **4503**, ACT code is **7241**
- ☐ 5. **Letters of Recommendation:** Candidates are required to submit three letters of recommendation (one must be from a school official). Additional examples: Coaches, Scout Masters, Pastors, FFA Advisors etc. Provide each individual an *"Instructions for Recommendation"* sheet.
- ☐ 6. **Personal Statement:** Candidates are required to write a personal statement, which reflects his or her aspiration for applying to the Academies. (One page typed is sufficient)
- ☐ 7. **Resume of Extracurricular Activities:** It is very important to be thorough and include all information for each year in high school. Include both school related and outside activities. Some examples: leadership positions held, athletic activities (note varsity letters earned and leadership positions), scholastic honors, etc. List any part-time or full-time jobs you have held during high school. (Please type.)
- ☐ 8. **Screening Committee Interview:** Eligible candidates will interview with my screening committee in early December 2007. The recommendations of the screening committee will weigh heavily in my selection process. It is *strongly* recommended that each candidate be present at the interview. However, in the event a candidate is unable to appear in person, a telephone conference call arrangement can be made.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING YOUR FILE IN THIS OFFICE IS OCTOBER 31, 2007.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS YOU HAVE OPENED A FILE WITH THE ACADEMIES TO WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING A NOMINATION.

* Questions or concerns can be directed to Leslie Schuessler at the Chico District office (530) 893-8363 or email at: leslie.schuessler@mail.house.gov

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE
ACADAMIES

(Please type or print clearly in ink)

Indicate academy of preference: (1-4, 1 =First Choice)

() AIR FORCE () MERCHANT MARINE () NAVAL () WEST POINT

Check which academies to which you have completed a Pre-Candidate file

() AIR FORCE () MERCHANT MARINE () NAVAL () WEST POINT

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ S.S. # _____
(yy/mm/dd)

Home Telephone: _____ Add. Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____ County: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Temporary Address: _____

Parents' Names:

Father: _____ Telephone: _____

Mother: _____ Telephone: _____

Are either of your parents active, retired or disabled military? _____

If yes, name of branch: _____

High School _____

Graduation year _____ Cum. GPA _____

Class Rank _____ of _____

College Currently Attending: _____

College GPA: _____

HIGHEST SAT SCORES:

Math	Critical Reading	Writing

HIGHEST ACT SCORE:

English	Math	Reading	Science/ Reasoning	Writing

Please Indicate Any Future Test Dates: _____

Prior to this year's application, have you previously sought a nomination for the Academy?

(circle one) **YES** **NO**

If so with whom? _____

Are you seeking a nomination through a Senator or the Vice President?

(circle one) **YES** **NO**

If so with whom? _____

I certify that the above information is correct. It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy; I am a U.S. citizen, at least 17 but not yet 23 years of age, unmarried, not pregnant, have no legal obligation to support any children or other dependents, and legally reside in California's 2nd Congressional District.

I understand that the deadline for receipt of completed nomination application packet is October 31, 2007; and if I have not submitted all requested information before these deadlines that my application may not be given full consideration. I authorize Congressman Wally Herger or any member of his staff to obtain any information about my status with the service academies. This includes inquiring with the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board about any medical conditions that may prevent my receiving a nomination or appointment to one of the Service Academies.

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Instructions for Recommendation

This student has expressed a desire to attend a United States Service Academy (i.e. Military Academy at West Point, Naval Academy at Annapolis or the Air Force Academy). Admission to these academies is extremely limited, highly competitive and an appointment is an esteemed honor and achievement. After successfully completing a rigorous four-year program in one of these competitive schools and receiving a first rate education, a successful graduate will be pledged to serve a term as an officer in our armed forces.

In order to apply to a service academy, an applicant must obtain a nomination from an authorized source, and this applicant has requested a nomination from Congressman Wally Herger, Representative of the Second District of California. Congressman Herger and his Academy Selection Committee would appreciate your thorough and honest evaluation of the applicant's fitness for U.S. Service Academy admission and an ensuing military career. These academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude (athletic ability), medical fitness, goals and motivation in determining each applicant's "Whole Person" evaluation.

Congressman Herger, his staff and his Academy Selection Committee will hold your comments in the strictest confidence. Thank you and we appreciate your assistance.

Please write a letter of recommendation on your letterhead or personal stationary (be sure to include a return address and phone number). Please send the recommendation letter before **October 15, 2007** directly to:

Congressman Wally Herger
Attn: Leslie Schuessler
55 Independence Circle, Suite 104
Chico, CA 95973

General Academy Nomination Information

U.S. Air Force Academy

Director of Admissions
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840
(800) 443-9266
www.academyadmissions.com

U.S. Military Academy

Director of Admissions
West Point, New York 10996
(845) 938-4041
www.admissions.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy

Director of Candidate Guidance
Annapolis, Maryland 21402
(410) 293-4361
www.usna.edu/Admissions/

U.S. Merchant Marines

Admissions Office
Kings Point, New York 11024
(800) 732-6267
www.usmma.edu/admissions/

There are no Congressional nominations to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. However, to obtain information or for an application, please contact them at:

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

31 Mohegan Avenue
New London, Connecticut 06320
(800) 883-8724
www.admissions.uscga.edu.i2e/admissions

** Prior to applying for a nomination, each candidate **must** contact the academies directly and complete the Pre-Candidate Questionnaire.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When do I apply to the academies?

Students are strongly advised to start the application process in the spring of their **junior** year of high school. This will help ensure all procedures of the application process can be completed by the deadline of **October 31st**. Only applications for the following entry year will be accepted.

I'm still not sure that I want to apply to the academies. What is there to help me make my decision?

If you are thinking about applying to any of the academies, there are informational resources available to assist you. One such source would be your local liaison officer. The liaison officer can put you in contact with a cadet or midshipman to better inform you. You can ask your school counselor for the liaison officer assigned to your school. There are summer programs available which may give you an idea of what it means to be a cadet or midshipman. It can be helpful to travel to the academy you are interested in to see first hand what the academy has to offer.

Is Congressman Herger the only government official I should apply to for a nomination?

No, due to the competitiveness of the selection process, it is strongly recommended that in addition to Congressman Herger, each candidate apply to both U.S. Senators and the Vice President. Please note that each member of Congress may have a maximum of five cadets or midshipmen at the service academies at a time.

After I submit my application, what happens next?

After the October 31st deadline to submit the application, all applications are considered for an interview date. If your application has been accepted, you will be contacted to schedule an interview appointment with Congressman Herger's Screening Committee. Appointments normally take place the second weekend in December.

After the application is submitted, can I still take additional SAT/ACT tests?

Yes, after the application deadline of October 31st, the **only** additional paperwork accepted are SAT/ACT scores. We encourage all candidates to re-test as often as possible prior to the interview appointment.

Who serves on Congressman Herger's Academy Nominations Screening Committee?

Congressman Herger has selected a variety of people from every region of the 2nd Congressional District to serve on the Screening Committee. The Committee consists of approximately 4 to 6 members. Retired military, physicians, business people, educators, academy graduates, homemakers, police officers, and other community leaders serve or have served on the Committee.

What is the Screening Committee looking for in an applicant?

Congressman Herger has asked the Screening Committee to evaluate each candidate that the 2nd Congressional District has to offer. Applicants must be of high moral character, be able to show leadership qualities, have a strong desire to serve their country, be physically and mentally fit, and meet the scholastic guidelines set by the academies.

How can I best prepare for my interview?

Applicants should prepare as though they are participating in an important job interview. The Committee will question each applicant on their academic record, extracurricular achievements, hobbies, and views on military life.

When are the applicants notified if they have received a nomination?

Applicants are notified prior to January 30th.

Does a nomination mean that I am accepted into the academy?

No. A candidate/nominee must pass academic guidelines, physical requirements and medical examinations.